

# ***Youth Participatory Action Research***

***Apply  
Today!***

***FALL 2018    Oct. 16th– Jan. 10th***

## ***Explore***

Learn and share  
about important  
social justice issues



- Group discussions
- Media workshops
- Guest speakers
- Creative projects

## ***Investigate***

Design your own  
research project  
using media



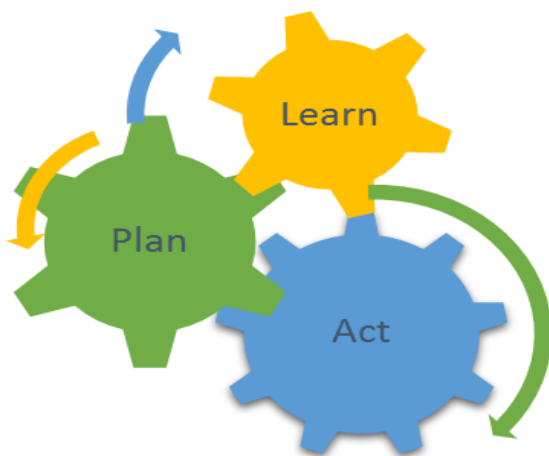
- Audio recording
- Art projects
- Interviews
- Photography

## ***Take Action***

Share your creative  
project with the  
community



- Podcast
- Photo exhibit
- Zine
- Your choice



**Earn a stipend of \$500!**

**Must be between 14 - 19 years old**

**Must be a resident of Seattle**

**Application Deadline:**

**Friday, October 5th 2018**

## ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

- Open to young people **14 – 19 years of age** as of Oct. 16th, 2018
- Must be a **resident of city of Seattle**. Use the Seattle Public School's Address Lookup Tool if you are unsure ([www.seattleschools.org](http://www.seattleschools.org))
- Must have either a social security number or tax ID number to receive stipend. If you are unable to receive the stipend, you are welcome to participate for service credit towards your high school requirement.

## COMPENSATION FOR PARTICIPATION

### How will I be compensated for my participation?

Each participant who successfully completes **60 hours** of service with YPAR will receive a **\$500 stipend** as recognition for their work. No partial stipends are awarded; you must complete all 60 hours to receive the stipend.

### When will I receive my stipend?

All stipends will be awarded via check after the completion of the program. This may be 3-5 weeks after Jan. 10th, 2019

## PROGRAM LOCATIONS

YPAR will be offered at the following locations.

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| Garfield Teen Life Center    | 428 23 <sup>rd</sup> Ave.<br>Seattle, WA 98122 |
| Meadowbrook Teen Life Center | 10750 30th Ave. NE<br>Seattle, WA 98125        |

### Is transportation provided?

Participants must provide own transportation to and from designated meeting location. Field trips may take place at various parks/facilities citywide, but transportation from the meeting location will be provided for those occasions.

## PROGRAM TIMELINE

### How often does YPAR meet?

**Tuesday and Thursday at Garfield**, 4pm-6:30pm. **Monday and Thursday at Meadowbrook**, 4pm--6:30pm. Every participant will be expected to attend program as regularly as possible between October 16th and January 10th. There is no program scheduled during school holidays.

Other than the regularly scheduled after-school programming, there are five additional **required** days:

**Saturday, Oct. 20th 10am-3pm**

**Saturday, Oct. 27th 10am-3pm**

**Saturday, Nov. 3rd 10am-3pm**

**Wednesday, Jan. 9th 4pm-7pm**

### What if I already have another commitment?




YPAR participants are expected to **not miss more than 4 sessions** (or 10 hours) throughout the program.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

### How will my application be selected?

Each application will be thoroughly reviewed for completeness and eligibility.

Selections are then made by a **randomized lottery**. This ensures that all applicants have a fair opportunity to be selected for this program regardless of their experience level.

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## HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION



### Via Mail

Seattle Parks and Recreation  
Attention: YPAR  
100 Dexter Ave N, Box #9  
Seattle, WA 98019



### In Person

Garfield Teen Life Center  
Meadowbrook Teen Life Center

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YOUTH PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH (YPAR) PROJECT  
2018 Fall Application



**Begin Application Here**

*Please make sure that the following section is as complete as possible!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First

Full Middle Name

Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt#: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Your Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Pronouns: ☐ He ☐ She ☐ They ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth In Fall 2018

Please select the program location that you are applying to:

- ☐ Meadowbrook Teen Life Center ☐ Garfield Teen Life Center

Are you a returning participant of the YPAR Project? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Do you have any other commitments this season that could impact your participation in YPAR, such as sports or vacations? If so, please list the times and days here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Demographic Information**

*This section is completely optional, and will remain confidential if you choose to provide the following information.*

**How did you hear about the program? Please be as specific as possible, including names and locations.**

- ☐ School presentation \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Job/Career Fair \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Teacher/Counselor \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Community Center Staff \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other City of Seattle Staff \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Nonprofit Agency \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Family \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Participant/Friend \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Flyer or Brochure \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Online \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Ethnicity (mark all that apply)**

- ☐ American Indian or Native Alaskan  
☐ Asian  
☐ African, African American, Black  
☐ Hawaiian Native or Pacific Islander  
☐ Hispanic, Latin@  
☐ White, Caucasian  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Information (mark all that apply):**

- ☐ I qualify for free or reduced lunch  
☐ I have am now or have been a foster/kinship care youth  
☐ I am an immigrant or a refugee  
From where? \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ I self-identify as a LGBTQ youth  
☐ I am now or have been homeless  
☐ I have a disability  
☐ I participate in the Youth Violence Prevention Program (YVPI)

## Position Description

**Position Title:** Learner, Researcher, Creative Thinker

### **Position Description :**

The Youth Participatory Action Research Team provides a unique and exciting opportunity for young people to gain employment skills, understand important social issues, and work collaboratively to make change in their communities. YPAR participants will work alongside teammates to share and learn about the basics of race & equity in our society. All YPAR participants will work as a team to create art and media projects while researching important social justice issues. At the end of the program, each participant will pursue an original project on the topic of their choice which will showcase what they have learned throughout the program. All participants will display their projects at a special community event.

### **Primary Responsibilities:**

- Attending a minimum of 60 hours of approved program time
- Actively participating in all group activities including discussions, workshops, art projects, writing assignments, off-site visits, etc.
- Creating an individual project for final exhibition to educate the community and demonstrate personal learning
- Completing all independent assignments promptly
- Coming to each program session with an open mind and willingness to learn
- Treating all fellow participants, mentors, and guests respectfully
- Maintaining a positive and professional work environment

### **Desired Qualifications:**

- No previous experience necessary
- Interest in learning about racial, social, and environmental justice issues
- Desire to educate others and work to make change in your communities
- Willingness to contribute ideas and try new things
- Ability to contribute effectively and respectfully in a team environment

### **Benefits You May Gain from This Program:**

- Increased ability to execute group and individual projects from start to finish
- Increased ability to work with others who have different experiences from you
- Improved public speaking skills
- Increased knowledge of racial, social, and environmental justice issues
- Professional resume and interview experience
- Expanded community connections and networking skills

## Part 3: Personal Response

### Instructions:

- Complete the questions below to the best of your ability while using your own words and ideas.
- You may choose to create your response in one of the following formats:



Photography



Music or Recorded Audio



Short Essay or Poetry



Digital or Handmade Artwork

- Please select one of the following options for the submission of your personal response:
  - ☐ I will attach my personal response to this application.
  - ☐ I will email [harmony.wright@seattle.gov](mailto:harmony.wright@seattle.gov) with a copy of my personal response.

\*If emailing, please upload file to Google Drive and add the following title with your information: *First Name Last Name YPAR Fall 2018.*

- ***Important!*** If you are using a creative response format such as photography, art, or an audio file, please indicate which question you are responding to by using complete sentences, numbering, or key words.

### Based on the position description on the previous page, please answer the following questions.

1. Which part of this program is most interesting to you?
2. How will this program help you grow as an individual?
3. What personal strengths do you bring to this program?
4. What is a social or environmental justice issue that you are passionate or curious about, and why?
5. Why do you want to join the YPAR team?

## Part 5: Applicant Signature

*As a matter of policy, law and commitment, Seattle Parks does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, political ideology, age, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, or presence of any sensory, mental or physical handicap. (SMC 18.12.280)*

By signing below, you are stating that you have read all enclosed materials concerning the Seattle Parks and Recreation YPAR Program and that all statements you have made in the application are true to the best of your knowledge.

I acknowledge that if I am accepted to this program, I will be expected to:

- ☐ fulfill 60 hours of service by attending program regularly.
- ☐ put forth my best effort every day.
- ☐ maintain a positive and professional environment along with my peers and mentors.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_



**Did you complete your application?**

☐




Part 1: Contact Information

☐

Part 2: Personal Response

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Part 3: Applicant Signature

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